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SUBJECT: EXFILTRATION PREVENTION MEANSURES--VEHICLE
REGISTRATION

REFS: A) USBERLIN 2002; B) USBERLIN 2129;

C) USBERLIN 1566 (1973)

1. ARMY PROVOST MARSHALL IS CURRENTLY IMPOUNDING FOUR
USAREUR LICENSED VEHICLES USED BY MEMBERS OF FORCES FOR
EXFILTRATION IN 1974. SINCE INVESTIGATION IS COMPLETE,
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OWNERS HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM BERLIN, AND OTHER AGREED

PUNISHMENTS HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED, PROVOST MARSHAL HAS NO GROUNDS TO CONTINUE TO HOLD VEHICLES. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE (AND INVITATION TO MORE TROUBLE) FOR VEHICLES, ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN ALTERED TO FACILITATE CONCEALMENT OF MAN-SIZED CARGO, TO TO BE RETURNED TO CIRCULATION WITH GREEN LICENSE PLATES. JOINT USBER-USCOB EXFILTRATION TASK FORCE IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDING THRU MILITARY CHANNELS THAT USAREUR TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO CANCEL REGISTRATION OF THESE VEHICLES AND TO CANCEL OR REFUSE REGISTRATION TO OTHER VEHICLES WHICH IN FUTURE ARE DISCOVERED TO BE MODIFIED TO FACILITATE EXFILTRATION.

2. VEHICLES IN QUESTION ARE REGISTERED TO SSG CLEVELAND HARRELL, SGT JAMIE PALOU, SSG BOBBY J. JONES, AND SALVADOR CARDENAS, JR. (REFS A AND B). VEHICLES BELONGING TO FIRST TWO INDIVIDUALS ARE HIGHLY MODIFIED WITH FALSE TRUNKS AND ELECTRIC LOCKING DEVICES. JONES' VEHICLE ALSO HAS SOPHISTICATED BUILT-IN CABINETS. SPECIALLY INSTALLED CABINETS IN CARDENAS' VEHICLE ARE CRUDER BUT ALSO WOULD BE EFFECTIVE TO CONCEAL CARGO. WHILE ALL INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN PERMANENTLY BARRED FROM ENTERING EAST BERLIN OR DRIVING ON BERLIN-HELMSTEDT AUTOBAHN AS MEMBERS OF FORCES AS PART OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE PUNISHMENTS, THEY MIGHT WELL BE ABLE TO LOAN OR SELL VEHICLES TO OTHER MEMBERS OF FORCES INTERESTED IN MAKING EXFILTRATION RUN IF VEHICLES REMAIN ELIGIBLE TO HAVE USAREUR REGISTRATION. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, THAT VEHICLES SHOULD BE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY ONLY WHEN OWNERS ARE PREPARED TO SHIP THEM BACK TO US OR TO SELL THEM TO INDIVIDUAL WHO WILL OBTAIN GERMAN REGISTRATION.

3. WE HAVE ADVISED PROVOST MARSHAL TO RETAIN INDEFINITELY, HOWEVER, TWO VW-VANS ALLEGEDLY OWNED BY KAI MIERENDORFF, GERMAN EXFILTRATOR, WHICH WERE IMPOUNDED IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR USE IN EXFILTRATION ATTEMPT JULY 1973 (REF C) INVOLVING MEMBERS OF FORCES AND FRAUDULENT USAREUR REGISTRATIONS AND LICENSE PLATES. MIERENDORFF REMAINS UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR POSSIBLE CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WITH MEMBERS OF FORCES IN EXFILTRATION AND IS WELL KNOWN TO GDR AS LEADING CONFIDENTIAL

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EXFILTRATION FIGURE.

4. USCOB CONCURS.GEORGE

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